

your Forces, as you acknowledge he has been Wise and Prudent in the due Execution of the Civil Powers committed to his Charge.

By the Upper House of Assembly, September the 25<sup>th</sup> 1723.

Gentlemen;

*Act for Limitation  
of Actions, &c.  
dissent'd to.*

WE herewith send you his Lordship's Dissent to the Act, entituled *An Act for Limitation of Actions of Trespass and Ejectment*, together with a Copy of his Lordship's Instruction to his Honour, the Governour, giving the Reasons of his Dissent.

Sign'd per Order, S. S. Cl. Up. Ho.

### C. Baltimore.

CHARLES, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. To our Right Trusty and Well-beloved *Charles Calvert*, Esq; our Lieutenant Governour of our said Province of *Maryland*, and to our Right Trusty and Well-beloved, the Upper and Lower Houses of our General Assembly there, and to all others in our said Province of *Maryland*, for the Time being, Greeting. Whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at *Annapolis* in our said Province of *Maryland* the ninth day of *October*, and ending the third day of *November*, in the seventh Year of our Dominion over the said Province, Annoq; Domini 1722, an Act entituled, *An Act for Limitations of Actions of Trespass and Ejectment*, passed into a Law. On due Consideration thereof, We have thought fit to Dissent to the said Act, and do hereby declare the said Act Null, Void and of no Effect. Given under our Hand and Seal at Arms, at *London*, this Nineteenth day of *March*, in the Eighth Year of our Dominion over the said Province, Annoq; Domini 1722.

*His Lordship's  
Instruction,*

Copy of his Lordship's first Instruction to the Honourable *Charles Calvert*, Esq; his Lordship's Lieutenant Governour, &c. of the Province of *Maryland*, viz.

*Shewing the Reasons  
of Dissent,*

*And the Extent of  
Statutes.*

YOU will herewith receive my Dissent to an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for Limitations of Actions of Trespass and Ejectments*, to be published and entered on Record according to your Forms; which Act is not only explanatory of an *English* Statute not in force in our Province. but seems by implication to introduce *English* Statutes to operate there, which Statutes have been always held not to extend to the Plantations, unless by express Words located thither; and you are upon all occasions so to Conduct yourself, on my behalf, as not only not to admit any such Practice, to take place in *Maryland*. but even to Discountenance any Doubts concerning the same. And when any of the *English* Statute Laws are found convenient and well adapted to your Circumstances, you ought specially to enact them, *De Novo*, or such part of them as you find proper for you, and not, by an Act of the Province, introduce in a Lump (as it were) any of the *English* Statutes. And these Sentiments you may instil and make known as you see cause.

This Instruction bears Date at *London*, *March* the 19<sup>th</sup> 1722.

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